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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (original) A step assembly for a vehicle, the step assembly comprising:

a base member mountable with respect to the vehicle and having a base member stepping surface; and

at least one movable member being selectively repositionable with respect to the base member such that the length of the step assembly is selectively variable, said at least one movable member having a movable member stepping surface.

2. (original) The step assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one movable member is translatable with respect to the base member.

3. (original) The step assembly of claim 2, further comprising a track with which said at least one movable member is operatively engaged such that the track guides said at least one movable member during translation.

4. (original) The step assembly of claim 3, wherein the track is on the base member.

5. (original) The step assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one movable member is pivotable with respect to the base member.

6. (currently amended) A vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body;

a step assembly operatively connected to the vehicle body and including

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a base member defining a base member stepping surface, and

at least one movable member defining a movable member stepping surface and being selectively repositionable fore and aft with respect to the vehicle body ~~such that the length of the step assembly is selectively variable.~~

7. (original) The vehicle of claim 6, wherein said at least one movable member is translatable with respect to the base member.

8. (original) The vehicle of claim 7, further comprising a track with which said at least one movable member is operatively engaged such that the track guides said at least one movable member during translation.

9. (original) The vehicle of claim 8, wherein the track is on the base member.

10. (original) The vehicle of claim 6, wherein said at least one movable member is pivotable with respect to the base member.

11. (original) The vehicle of claim 6, wherein the vehicle further comprises a rear wheel; wherein said at least one movable member is movable between a stowed position in which said at least one movable member does not extend rearward of any portion of the rear wheel, and an extended position in which said at least one movable member extends rearward of at least a portion of the rear wheel.

12. (original) The vehicle of claim 6, wherein the vehicle further comprises a front wheel; wherein said at least one movable member is movable between a stowed position in which said at least one movable member does not extend forward of any portion of the front wheel, and an extended position in which said at least one movable member extends forward of at least a portion of the front wheel.

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13. (original) A vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body; a front wheel; a rear wheel; and

a step assembly including a base member having a base member stepping surface, a track, a first movable member, and a second movable member, the first and second movable members each having a movable member stepping surface and being operatively engaged with the track for translation fore and aft with respect to the vehicle body along the track;

wherein the first movable member is translatable between a stowed position in which the first movable member does not extend rearward of any portion of the rear wheel, and an extended position in which the first movable member extends rearward of at least a portion of the rear wheel;

wherein the second movable member is translatable between a stowed position in which the second movable member does not extend forward of any portion of the front wheel, and an extended position in which the second movable member extends forward of at least a portion of the front wheel.

14. (new) The vehicle of claim 6, wherein said vehicle body includes at least one side door, and wherein said base member and said at least one movable member are positioned at a height lower than said at least one side door.

15. (new) The vehicle of claim 6, further comprising a front wheel and a rear wheel; wherein the base member is rigidly mounted with respect to the vehicle body such that the base member does not extend forward of any part of the front wheel and does not extend rearward of any part of the rear wheel.